

4Ws for Week 36, 5-11 Sep 2022

WELCOME (15 minutes)

(If there are first-time guests, begin with a round of introduction and warmly welcome the new visitors.)

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Something Old, Something New

- a) Share something which you have been procrastinating, such as painting your house, moving to a new place, finding a new job, getting a new hairdo, going for health screen, going on vacation, visiting a relative, etc, or
- b) Share something which you have been putting off but finally you have done something about it, like renewing your passport, starting a new dieting / exercise routine, reading the bible etc.

2. Season of life

Share what season you like if there are four seasons in Singapore. Then, share which season of your life you are in right now: Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter?

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

(Remember to pause for the Holy Spirit to minister through the members. Encourage members to release a word, a vision, tongues and interpretation of tongues, to minister to each other.)

Suggested worship songs:

- 1) Lion And The Lamb - Leeland (C)
- 2) Fresh Wind - Hillsong (D)

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: SP Rev. Daniel Khong (3-4 September 2022)

Scripture Passage: Revelation 21:1-7

Sermon Title: Season of Renewal

Introduction

Last weekend, SP Daniel recapped the same message he preached earlier this year on the 8th and 9th of Jan 2022, entitled: Season of Renewal. In that message, he reminded us of the first 2 messages he shared in 2021, entitled: "There is more in store", and "It's not nothing". On hindsight, these messages are far more spiritually significant than we realized.

For FCBC, especially after the Conference that was concluded 2 weeks ago, SP shared that those words to the church — 'There is more in store', and 'It's not nothing', are words that relate to our journey as a church. In retrospect, it's not just about our journey for the last 2 years of pandemic, but also about the last 36 years of FCBC's existence. The last 36 years have not been nothing, and there's more in store for us. So, after FCBC Conference, God has sealed the word for us — it's a season of renewal.

What will God's season of renewal bring?

1. Renewed Experiences from God.
2. Renewed Encounters with God.

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. What does renewal mean and what has Revelation 21:5 got to do with it?

A1. The word 'Renew' means to give fresh life or strength to; to begin doing something again or with increased strength. For the term 'new' in Revelation 21:5 "Behold, I make all things 'new'", the word "renew" would be closer than just 'new'. The Greek word 'καινός' (kainos) means to be changed or transformed into something better than before, hence the word 'Renew'.

Q2. What is the difference between renewed experiences and renewed encounters with God?

A2. 1. Renewed experiences from God means allowing God to take away our past and negative experiences, and have it replaced with the new experiences from God.
2. Renewed encounters with God is to draw close on a more intimate level than before, and to have a face-to-face encounter with the manifested presence of God.

Application Questions

Break into smaller groups, share, pray and minister to one another.

Q1. Share what you expect to see in this season of renewal in your family, career and ministry.

Q2. What attitudes should we have in order for renewal to come into our lives and church?

WORKS (15 minutes)

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